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SUBJECT: ARUSHA TALKS: WILL THEY BEGIN?

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.
2. SUMMARY. DELEGATIONS FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF RWANDA

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AND THE RPF, THE TANZANIAN FACILITATOR, THE OAU, AND A HOST OF OBSERVERS ASSEMBLED IN ARUSHA MAY 3. TALKS COULD BE SHORTLIVED, HOWEVER, IF THE TWO SIDES FAIL TO AGREE ON VIABLE INTERLOCUTORS. U.S. OBSERVER SHOULD DO ALL POSSIBLE TO KEEP THEM TALKING. END SUMMARY.

3. AMBASSADOR DE VOS REPORTED TO DEPARTMENT EVENING 5/3 THAT BOTH THE GOVERNMENT OF RWANDA (GOR) AND THE RWANDAN PATRIOTIC FRONT (RPF) HAVE DELEGATIONS IN ARUSHA. HOWEVER, THEY HAVE NOT YET ENGAGED IN DIRECT TALKS. INSTEAD, THE GOR DELEGATION IS LOCKED IN DISCUSSION WITH THE TANZANIAN FACILITATOR, PRIME MINISTER MALECELA, AND THE RPF WITH OAU SECRETARY GENERAL SALIM SALIM. THE RPF IS THREATENING TO WALK OUT ON GROUNDS THAT IT DOES NOT RECOGNIZE THE GOVERNMENT DELEGATION AS A VIABLE INTERLOCUTOR.

4. LEADING THE GOVERNMENT DELEGATION ARE MINISTER OF TRANSPORTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS, ANDRE NTAGERURA, MINISTER OF INTERIOR, FAUSTIN MUNYAZESA, COL. GATSINZI

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AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GENDARMERIE. HEADING THE RPF DELEGATION IS ITS PRESIDENT, COL. ALEXIS KANYARENGWE.

5. REPRESENTED AS OBSERVERS ARE THE U.S. (AMBASSADOR TO TANZANIA), FRANCE, BELGIUM, AND NEWCOMERS THE UK, RUSSIA, AND EGYPT. AMBASSADORS TO TANZANIA OF COUNTRIES NEIGHBORING RWANDA AND OTHER AMBASSADORS TO ADDIS ARE ALSO PRESENT. THE UN FORCES IN RWANDA (UNAMIR) ARE REPRESENTED BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE JACQUES-ROGER BOOH BOOH AND DEPUTY COMMANDER GENERAL ANYADOHO. FOR NOW, ALL OBSERVERS ARE WAITING IN THE WINGS TO SEE WHETHER THE TALKS WILL GET UNDERWAY OR COLLAPSE.

6. COMMENT. KEY TO GETTING TALKS UNDERWAY APPEARS TO BE IDENTIFICATION OF VIABLE INTERLOCUTORS, AS EACH SIDE OBJECTS TO MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION OF THE OTHER SIDE. WE HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT THE GOR DELEGATION OBJECTS TO RPF DELEGATION HEAD KANYARENGWE AND WOULD RATHER TALK TO RPF SECRETARY GENERAL RUDASINGWA. WE KNOW THE RPF REJECTS MEMBERS OF THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT.

7. COMMENT CONTINUED. U.S. OBSERVER SHOULD:

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-- ENCOURAGE DELEGATIONS TO IDENTIFY PERSONS IN THE OTHER DELEGATION THEY BELIEVE THEY CAN TALK WITH RATHER THAN FIXING ON THE LACK OF LEGITIMACY OF DELEGATION HEADS. ON THE GOVERNMENT SIDE, MUNYAZESA, WHO HAS BEEN IN EACH OF THE TRANSITION GOVERNMENTS, CAN BE REASONABLE AND HAS CREDIBILITY WITH HARDLINERS. COL. GATSINZI, KNOWN FAVORABLY TO THE RPF FOR HIS ROLE IN THE OAU
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NEUTRAL OBSERVER GROUP (NMOG), IS CONSIDERED A MODERATE WITHIN THE GOR MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT.

-- PRAISE THE FACILITATOR FOR THE EFFORTS MADE TO BRING THE TWO SIDES TOGETHER AND ENCOURAGE HIM TO KEEP THE PROCESS ALIVE -- EVEN IF IT MEANS TALKING WITH THE DELEGATIONS SEPARATELY -- TO GIVE THE PARTIES TIME TO SEEK OUT VIABLE INTERLOCUTORS FROM WITHIN THE DELEGATIONS OR ELSEWHERE.

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